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1. In October 1952 two representatives of the Soviet Control Commission dressed in civilian clothes appeared at the various offices of DIA-Metall and carried out inspections. The representatives arrived in a BMW automobile, [REDACTED] the car was driven by a Russian soldier. The SCC men refused the escort proffered by the directorate and went directly to the various DIA offices (Montoren).
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 - c. Saving of currency (Deviseneinsparung) through compensation deals as well as other possibilities in this field
 - d. Routes for deliveries of wares and difficulties incurred along this line
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